Rough Field Notes - Misc

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Formerly dishes, clothes etc, used in child-birth were burnt. Failure to do this causes blindness in whites.

The old people used to throw away a whole or a salmon if a mouse touched even one, mouse shit causes wearing away of teeth.

Women would go away in bush out of sight of everyone for delivery. Some of family or friends used to help. (Joshua's personal belief is that shit helps out a lung children)

A ~~tooth~~ milk tooth is circled around head 4 times & thrown away.

Suppose Joshua prepared winter salmon & died, it would be burnt. At sing-sing old, grease is burnt for dead. Stuff reaches him home of these destructions are done publicly. If man has time to arrange matters before death he allots canoes, coppers, canoes etc & valuables to family. If no will, relatives fight. At potlach will, Bobby Woody would leave stuff to our children, Joshua, Louis, children etc.

tzel kwo·p' a Stick, had hunting power, his F dead, mother alive. He had power to of several animals, including mouse. When he grew up he used to hunt all the time & his mother made him a bow & arrows. For rope she took 1 hair from his pubes, worked it in her mouth & made a string. One day he was hunting grouse & arrow stuck in tree. He threw sticks at it unsuccessfully, so he climbed, he kept on, never looking down or realizing how far he had got, till he saw the country above him might be above. Then he looked down, saw how far from earth he was, decided to go on, & finally crawled into heaven. It looked to be a good country, no houses, but a well beaten trail. He took off bow string & made a snare, hid behind bushes. Presently he heard a booming, whistling sound, then he saw a light coming along, it was the sun tearing along. Sun got caught in snare, & was so hot that he would not go near. He called on his mouse power, & sent mouse to chew rope, the beast was roasted to death. He pulled out beast with bow, rubbed it in hands & it came to life. Sent it in 2nd time with success. Sun beat it back on same road. Boy had had enough, climbed down tree to earth.

Same Charley says that frogs lived at Green Bay.

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O Probably correct version from Willie Mack. The boy & sister were orphans. One day the girl climbed a crab-apple tree & boy saw her genitals. He declared he wanted a bow-string, she gave him a head hair — "ho". She gave him one from arm-pit, "ho". Then she said, "I have no more". He began to weep despairingly & she gave him one from fork.

Up above he saw many parallel roads, the paths of the sun on different days. He did not have mouse power, but caught a mouse & sent it. ~~Hot~~ After capture the sun went back, that is why the sun wanes after solstice.

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The Whisby Jack

① Astas, a Stick who lived far in mountains. This summer never left mountains & his house was buried, all but the hole for smoke. End of summer came but he still thought it was winter. One day a bird brought him some ripe berries, & said he was foolish to stay in winter when it was fall outside. "Get ready & push yourself through snow." Astas got ready, ~~took~~ bow & arrow, pushed through & was in summer. He looked back at house saw winter was still there, & thought how much better it was here. He travelled on & saw a black fox asleep, sneaked up with bow & arrow & was about to shoot when hole in bottom spoke & said "Do not shoot, the blood will spoil fur, build a fence round it with small opening for snare." He made fence of dry sticks. That over & Astas, one his mouth, the other his hole. He decided to build fire to scare beast into snare. When he let fire the fence blazed up fox woke up, jumped fence & ran over, instead of going through snare. He became angry & beat his bottom, when it he had lost fox through bad advice. He went on & presently saw lake covered with all kinds of water birds. He saw them before they saw him & sneaked back into woods. He made a big bundle of grass & staggered out into view carrying it. When the water-fowl saw it ~~They~~ they called out, "Hi, Astas, what is that big bundle you are carrying?" He answered, "Its suit." They said, "Won't you let us see it." He said O.K., Lets make a house & you can look at it. He marked out on ground the house plan, back room etc. Immediately ~~he produced~~ a house came on it. He put bundle into room, went to door & called the water-fowl. In they all came, & took seats. The grebe, as

old woman sat near door. He made big fire in middle & made it
warm & danced. After a long time all got sleepy, & finally only
the girls was awake, & she woke & slept at intervals. Finally A
~~stood~~ danced right before her, & she slept. A then began to
wring their necks, when half way round girls woke, & cried
out "Wake up, wake up, A a killing us". They all beat it. When
Bottom then told A to get stones & cook birds, which he did,
acting on instructions he left legs sticking out, & Bottom told
that if he pulled at legs he could tell when cooked: meat was
come off. Lid carefully put on, only fuel procuring. A then
went to sleep, very tired after dancing. He stayed & told Bottom
to wake him up if anyone came in. Bottom ~~A~~ soon woke him
up. "A A, get up, someone is coming". He jumped up, no one
coming, so slept again. After a few minutes this repeated, then a 3rd
time. He was annoyed so beat Bottom for making a fool of him.
After slept, people came in, Bottom said nothing, people broke
off legs, replaced these & clamped down lid. A had mouth open,
& they put meat in his ~~mouth~~. Presently fire went down & A awoke
with cold. He said to Bottom, "Astor, I guess food is ready, the
fire is almost out. He went to pot, pulled at leg, saw it came easily
He said "Yes, it comes easily, must be cooked". Then he removed lid
& found nothing but bones. He tasted food in mouth, picked
teeth. Thought he must have eaten, felt stomach, decided not,
felt teeth, decided yes, & finally decided not, that Bottom
had fooled him. He built up fire, tries to toast Bottom, but
as he got there it was too hot, so he fled. End.

had you always appeared as boys there would have been no dispute: Boys felt very bad, sat down with heads in hand. Meanwhile 9 outside knew game was up & called to eldest brother — "You will have gift of building houses to no 2 — " " " " " canoes. " " 3 " " " " " great hunter " " 4 " " " " " " halibut fisher. After this she ran away. The first boy then got lumber & made a fine house for his mother, meanwhile no 2 build a good canoe, no 3 hunting & no 4 fishing. Soon the house was filled with good things, sea-otter skins, halibut & seal meat. There were valuable sea-otter skins for mats, curtains & rugs. Then carpenter made good house for each, which were soon furnished, & canoe for each by no 2. Meanwhile people on other side saw great quantities of smoke. Some of them wanted to see what was happening, but old (Ugt) refused & watched to see no disobedience. Kindly slave had wife & child, wife told him to go to see girl secretly. He sneaked around, saw houses, went into hers & was astounded at wealth & fittings. He said we have not forgotten you, I have come to see you. She said she had not forgotten his kindness & fine, - said this was result of F's harshness, that if he was ever in want to come to her. She gave him big basket of food to take away secretly & eat secretly, which he, wife & child did, at night. One night they gorged & child had piece of meat stuck in throat. (Ugt) saw him choking, asked trouble, they said they did not know. (Ugt) hit him on back & up came lots of seal-meat. (Ugt) asked whence came: no one here had been

getting seals. Father had them to confess his sins it to daughter. There was famine on new sets & people wanted to move back & spunge on her. Finally they did, father last of all. She helped all, but father whom she told her 4 boys to throw out, which they did.